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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

GUCCI AMERICA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

HEART AND SOUL INC., LM APPAREL, LLC, and DOES 1-10,

Defendants.

Case No.:

**COMPLAINT** 

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL** 

Plaintiff Gucci America, Inc. ("Plaintiff" or "Gucci"), by its undersigned counsel, for its Complaint against Defendants Heart and Soul Inc. ("Heart and Soul"), LM Apparel, LLC ("LM Apparel"), and Does 1-10 (collectively, with Heart and Soul and LM Apparel, "Defendants"), alleges as follows:

### SUBSTANCE OF THE ACTION

- 1. Gucci is one of the world's most renowned and influential fashion and luxury brands. For years, Gucci's fashion products and accessories have been highly regarded throughout the world as finely crafted works of art.
- 2. All of the claims asserted herein arise out of and are based on Defendants' unlawful promotion, distribution, and sale of imitation handbags, belts, and other accessories bearing the famous GUCCI marks, which are protected under federal and New Jersey trademark laws. The handbags, belts, and other accessories that Defendants sold bearing the famous GUCCI marks are not authentic GUCCI brand products, making such products counterfeits.
- 3. Gucci brings claims for counterfeiting and trademark infringement under Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1); unfair competition under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); false designation of origin under Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a); dilution under Section 43(c) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c), and also brings related claims of unfair competition under N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1 et seq., trademark dilution under N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.20, and trademark infringement under New Jersey common law. Gucci seeks injunctive and monetary relief.

### THE PARTIES

- 4. Plaintiff Gucci America, Inc. is a New York corporation with its principal place of business at 195 Broadway, New York, New York 10007.
- 5. Upon information and belief, Defendant Heart and Soul Inc. is a New Jersey corporation with its principal place of business at 345 Highway 9 South, Suite 352, Manalapan, NJ 07726.

- 6. Upon information and belief, Defendant LM Apparel, LLC is a Maryland corporation with its principal place of business at 6001 Pimlico Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21209.
- 7. Gucci is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that the fictitiously named defendants sued herein as Does 1 through 10, inclusive, and each of them, are in some manner responsible or legally liable for the actions, events, transactions, and circumstances alleged herein. Gucci is informed and believes and based thereon alleges that one or more of the Doe defendants conspired with and/or aided and/or abetted Heart and Soul and LM Apparel in their wrongful conduct as alleged herein. The true names and capacities of such fictitiously named defendants, whether individual, corporate, associate or otherwise, are presently unknown to Gucci, and Gucci will seek leave of court to amend this Complaint to assert the true names and capacities of such fictitiously named defendants when the same have been ascertained. All defendants, including Heart and Soul, LM Apparel, and the Doe defendants, are collectively referred to herein as "Defendants."

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 8. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1051, et seq. The Court also has subject matter jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because this action arises under the federal Lanham Act.
- 9. The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law causes of action alleged in this Complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367 because these claims arise out of the same nucleus of operative fact as the federal claims.
- 10. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because (i) Defendant Heart and Soul Inc.'s place of incorporation and principal place of business is in the State of New

Jersey, and/or (ii) upon information and belief, Defendants have transacted business in the State of New Jersey and have contracted to supply or offer to supply goods or services in the State of New Jersey in connection with matters giving rise to this action.

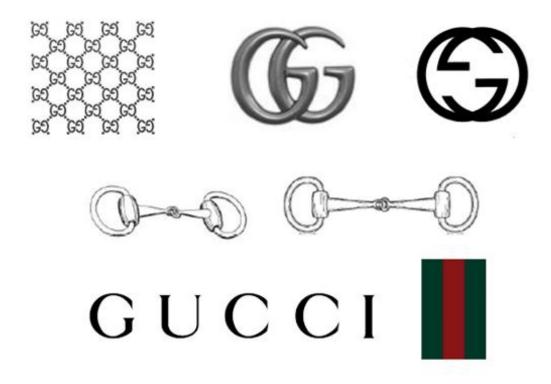
11. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to Sections 1391(b) and (c) of the Judicial Code, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c), because Defendants are subject to personal jurisdiction in this District due to their transacting of business herein and because a substantial portion of the events at issue have arisen and will arise in this District and Gucci is suffering harm in this District.

### **FACTS GIVING RISE TO THIS ACTION**

#### **Gucci's Famous Brand**

- 12. The Gucci brand, originally founded in 1921 in Florence, Italy, is one of the best-known and most valuable global brands.
- 13. Having celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021, the Gucci brand is one of the most renowned and influential fashion and luxury brands in the world, a genuine global reference for fashion and accessories, and a benchmark for a modern, innovative business.
- 14. Gucci is renowned for eclectic and contemporary creations that represent the pinnacle of Italian craftsmanship and are unsurpassed in quality, attention to detail, and imaginative design.
- 15. Gucci first used the GUCCI name and mark in the United States in 1953, when it introduced Americans to Italian fashions by opening its pioneering New York City flagship store. Today, Gucci distributes fine leather goods, clothing, accessories, eyewear, footwear, home decor, lifestyle products, jewelry, and watches, among many other products, in the United States under the GUCCI mark and related iconic design marks, including Gucci's stylized

GUCCI and GG marks, as shown below (collective with the GUCCI word mark, the "GUCCI Marks"):



- 16. Today, Gucci owns/operates nearly 100 GUCCI-branded retail boutiques throughout the United States where it sells its products for adults and children branded with the GUCCI Marks. Gucci also sells its products through its official website, www.gucci.com/us/, and through select high-end department stores.
- 17. The products distributed by Gucci under the GUCCI Marks are of the highest quality and are subject to exacting quality control standards. Gucci takes pains to ensure the quality of its products by monitoring their production and distribution. As a result of these efforts, Gucci has developed a reputation for providing the highest-quality products under the GUCCI Marks and consumers have come to expect that products bearing the GUCCI Marks are of the highest quality and workmanship.

- 18. Each year, Gucci spends millions of dollars on advertising to promote the goods and services offered under the GUCCI Marks in the United States. As a result of Gucci's efforts and the appeal of the GUCCI brand, Gucci sells high quantities of consumer goods annually in the United States.
- 19. By virtue of extensive sales, advertising, and promotion, the GUCCI Marks have become instantly recognizable to the public as exclusively denoting Gucci as the source of products bearing and sold under the GUCCI Marks and signaling the high quality of such products. Having acquired substantial goodwill and strong secondary meaning, the world-famous GUCCI Marks are enormously valuable assets of Gucci.
- 20. Along with its robust common law rights in the famous GUCCI Marks, Gucci also owns numerous federal registrations for the GUCCI Marks, including:

Mark	Reg'n No.	Reg'n Date	Class and Goods/Services
GUCCI  ("GUCCI Word  Mark")	4,563,132	07/08/2014	International Class ("IC") 18: Handbags, shoulder bags, clutch bags, tote bags, briefcases, business card cases, credit card cases, backpacks, key cases, passport cases, cosmetic cases sold empty, valises, suitcases, luggage, all the foregoing being made in whole or in part of leather
("Interlocking GG Design Mark")	5,073,022	11/01/2016	IC 18: Handbags and wallets IC 25: Belts and footwear
GUCCI  ("Stylized GUCCI Word Mark")	6,073,427	06/09/2020	IC 3: Fragrances, incense, cosmetics, nail polish IC 4: Candles IC 9: Sunglasses, eyeglasses, cases for sunglasses, cases for eyeglasses, mobile phone cases, cases for computers, cases for tablet computers, computer application

software for all mobile devices, namely, downloadable software for providing information in the field of fashion, the arts and lifestyle IC 14: Jewelry, watches, key rings, cuff links, tie bars IC 18: Pocketbooks, handbags, shoulder bags, clutches, wristlet bags, coin purses, wallets, credit card cases, business card cases, tote bags, backpacks, diaper bags, cosmetic bags sold empty, luggage IC 20: Throw pillows, cushions, chairs, armchairs, folding floor screens and tables IC 21: Incense burners, mugs, cups, trays for household purposes, porcelain pots and vases, dishes, sugar bowls, creamer pitchers, chargers being dinnerware, nonelectric coffee pots, non-electric tea pots IC 25: Tops as clothing, bottoms as clothing, coats, jackets, suits, dresses, jumpsuits, bathing suits, scarves, ties as clothing, belts, gloves, headwear, footwear, tights, socks, stockings IC 27: Wallpaper IC 35: Retail store services for clothing, footwear, fashion accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, sunglasses, fragrances, home furnishings and accessories; online retail store services for clothing, footwear, fashion accessories, jewelry, watches, handbags, sunglasses, fragrances, home furnishings and accessories IC 41: Providing entertainment news and information in the fields of fine art, film, music, theater, and dance through an Internet website portal and social media sites entertainment services, namely, organizing sporting and cultural events IC 45: Providing news and information in the fields of fashion and personal lifestyles through an Internet website

("Inverted	3,039,629	Jan. 10, 2006	IC 25: footwear and belts
Interlocking GG Design Mark")	5 421 740	M 12	IC 10. Deslare should be for each of
	5,421,749	Mar. 13, 2018	IC 18: Backpacks; briefcases and messenger bags
("Green and Red Strip Design Mark")			
GS G	4,229,081	10/23/2012	IC 14: Jewelry IC 18: Wallets, purses, handbags, shoulder bags, clutch bags, tote bags, business card cases, credit card cases partly and wholly of leather, key cases, cosmetic cases sold empty, briefcases, attaché cases, valises, suitcases and duffel bags IC 25: Neckties, scarves, belts, footwear and gloves
("Horsebit Design Mark")	6,521,111	10/12/2021	IC 18: Handbags; shoulder bags; messenger bags; tote bags; backpacks; wallets; cosmetic cases sold empty IC 25: Footwear

Printouts detailing the registration information for the above marks are attached 21. hereto as Exhibit A. The above-referenced registrations are valid, well-known, subsisting and in full force, and serve as prima facie evidence of Gucci's exclusive rights in and to the GUCCI Marks. Additionally, several of the registrations referenced have become incontestable under

Section 15 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1065, and thus constitute conclusive evidence of Gucci's exclusive right to use these marks on the goods specified in the registrations pursuant to Sections 7 and 33 of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 1057, 1115(b).

- 22. Gucci is committed to protecting and safeguarding its intellectual property rights and assets to ensure that Gucci's unique and valuable creativity and heritage are preserved, safeguarded, and enforced. Gucci invests substantial time and resources to intellectual property enforcement programs and strategies that protect consumers and clients from counterfeit and infringing products and services.
- 23. To ensure the quality and authenticity of products offered for sale bearing the GUCCI Marks, Gucci sells its products only through its own boutiques and stores and to authorized retailers.

#### **Defendants' Unlawful Conduct**

- 24. Upon information and belief, Heart and Soul and LM Apparel are wholesale distributors and suppliers of consumer goods to retailers and/or other distributors and suppliers.
- 25. Upon information and belief, Defendants have manufactured, advertised, offered for sale, sold, distributed, imported, and/or exported handbags, belts, and other accessories bearing marks that are identical to or highly similar to the GUCCI Marks. The handbags, belts, and other accessories were not manufactured, authorized, or approved by Gucci, and Defendants are not authorized manufacturers, distributors, or retailers of Gucci's products.
- 26. Upon information and belief, Heart and Soul supplies GUCCI-branded products to various consumer retailers around the United States, including but not limited to the Navy Exchange and the Marine Corps Exchange.

- 27. In 2024, Gucci was asked by the Marine Corps Exchange and Navy Exchange to authenticate several products supplied to them by Heart and Soul.
- 28. The Marine Corps Exchange and Navy Exchange provided Gucci with a sample of products and documentation showing that the products were supplied by Heart and Soul, and Gucci determined that the products were counterfeit (collectively herein all such products referred to as the "Counterfeit Products").
- 29. Upon information and belief, LM Apparel supplied the Counterfeit Products to Heart and Soul, which then sold the same Counterfeit Products to the Marine Corps Exchange and Navy Exchange.
- Photographs of the Counterfeit Products provided to Gucci by the Marine Corps 30. Exchange and Navy Exchange are shown below.



























Gucci subsequently filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act 31. ("FOIA") to obtain additional documentation from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service ("NCIS") related to the sales of the Counterfeit Products and other records concerning Heart and Soul and the Counterfeit Products.

- 32. Despite their being non-genuine, upon information and belief, Defendants manufactured, advertised, offered for sale, sold, distributed, imported, and/or exported these unlawful imitations of Gucci's handbags, belts, and other accessories.
- The Counterfeit Products prominently feature the GUCCI Marks, include the 33. famous GUCCI house mark on the product labels, and entirely mimic the distinctive design of genuine Gucci products, as shown below:





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- 34. Defendants are not related to or affiliated with Gucci in any way. Defendants have not sought or received a license or authorization from Gucci for any purpose whatsoever, including for the acts described herein.
- 35. The Counterfeit Products sold by Defendants directly compete with Gucci's products.
- 36. Defendants' manufacture, distribution, and sale of the Counterfeit Products unlawfully wrests from Gucci control over its reputation and, upon information and belief, is unjustly enriching Defendants.
- 37. Upon information and belief, Defendants' activities described herein are done with reckless disregard or are intentionally fraudulent, malicious, willful, and wanton.

38. Defendants' unauthorized acts as described herein have caused and will continue to cause irreparable damage to Gucci and its business and goodwill unless restrained by this Court.

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION Trademark Counterfeiting and Infringement of Registered Trademarks in Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1)

- 39. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 40. The GUCCI Marks are distinctive and of incalculable value, and are associated in the public mind with Gucci's goods and services of the highest quality.
- 41. Without Gucci's authorization or license, and, upon information and belief, with knowledge of Gucci's prior rights in the GUCCI Marks, Defendants have manufactured, advertised, offered for sale, sold, distributed, imported, and/or exported counterfeit GUCCI handbags, belts, and other accessories under and/or bearing the following GUCCI Marks, or marks highly similar thereto: the GUCCI Word Mark, U.S. Registration No. 4,563,132; the Interlocking GG Design Mark, U.S. Registration No. 5,073,022; the Stylized GUCCI Word Mark, U.S. Registration No. 6,073,427; the Inverted Interlocking GG Design Mark, U.S. Registration No. 3,039,629; the Green and Red Strip Design Mark, U.S. Registration No. 5,421,749; the GG Supreme Canvas Design Mark, U.S. Registration No. 4,229,081; and the Horsebit Design Mark, U.S. Registration No. 6,521,111.
- 42. Upon information and belief, by virtue of Gucci's extensive and ongoing use and advertising of the GUCCI Marks, Defendants were on actual notice of Gucci's exclusive rights in the GUCCI Marks. In addition, Gucci's federal registrations put Defendants on constructive notice of Gucci's exclusive rights in the GUCCI Marks.

- 43. Defendants' manufacturing, advertisement, offering for sale, sale, distribution, import, and/or export of counterfeit GUCCI products under and/or bearing trademarks and trade dresses that are identical or highly similar to the GUCCI Marks is likely to cause confusion, mistake, or deception as to the source or sponsorship of Defendants' goods. As a result of Defendants' unauthorized use of Gucci's federally registered trademarks and/or trademarks that are identical or highly similar to Gucci's federally registered trademarks, the public is likely to believe that Defendants' goods have been manufactured and/or approved by Gucci. Such use falsely represents Defendants as being legitimately connected with and/or authorized by Gucci, and places beyond Gucci's control its own reputation and ability to control the use of the GUCCI Marks and the quality of the products bearing those marks.
- 44. Defendants' infringement of the GUCCI Marks is done with reckless disregard, or is willful and intended to reap the benefit of the goodwill of Gucci, and violates Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1).
- 45. Defendants' aforesaid conduct has caused, and unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause, Gucci to sustain irreparable damage, loss, and injury.
  - 46. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

# SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION Unfair Competition in Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)

- 47. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 48. The GUCCI Marks are distinctive and of incalculable value, and are associated in the public mind with Gucci and goods and services of the highest quality.
- 49. Without Gucci's authorization or license and, upon information and belief, with knowledge of Gucci's prior rights in the GUCCI Marks, Defendants manufactured, advertised,

offered for sale, sold, distributed, imported, and/or exported counterfeit and infringing products under and/or bearing the GUCCI Marks.

- 50. Defendants' conduct is likely to cause confusion, cause mistake, and/or deceive as to the affiliation, connection, or association between Defendants and Gucci, and/or as to Gucci's sponsorship or approval of Defendants' goods, services, and/or commercial activities.
- 51. As a result of the foregoing, Defendants have falsely designated the origin of their products, all in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).
- 52. Upon information and belief, Defendants' aforesaid conduct has been undertaken knowingly, willfully, and in bad faith or with willful disregard.
- 53. Defendants' aforesaid conduct has caused, and unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause, Gucci to sustain irreparable damage, loss, and injury.
  - 54. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION False Designation of Origin in Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a)

- 55. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 56. Defendants' use of marks identical and/or highly similar to the GUCCI Marks and other designations and indicia is intended, and is likely to confuse, mislead, or deceive consumers, the public, and the trade as to the origin, source, sponsorship, or affiliation of products and services bearing such marks, and is likely to cause such parties to believe in error that the products and services bearing such marks have been authorized, sponsored, approved, endorsed, or licensed by Gucci, or that Defendants are in some way affiliated with Gucci.

- 57. Defendants' acts constitute false designation of origin, and false and misleading descriptions and representations of fact, all in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a).
- 58. Upon information and belief, Defendants intend to continue their infringing acts unless restrained by this Court.
  - 59. Defendants' acts have damaged and will continue to damage Gucci.
  - 60. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

## FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION Dilution in Violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c)

- 61. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 62. The GUCCI Marks are distinctive, federally registered trademarks. As a result of Gucci's extensive and exclusive use of the GUCCI Marks in connection with its products, the GUCCI Marks have become famous and are widely recognized among the consuming public as a designation of source of Gucci's goods. The GUCCI Marks became famous long before Defendants' infringing activities commenced.
- 63. Defendants' commercial use of marks identical and/or highly similar to the GUCCI Marks for goods that are not manufactured or controlled by, affiliated with, or sponsored by Gucci has diluted and is continuing to dilute the distinctive quality of the GUCCI Marks by lessening the capacity of those marks to exclusively identify and distinguish Gucci and its goods, and by tarnishing them through association with Defendants' goods, which are of lesser quality and workmanship.

- 64. Upon information and belief, the foregoing acts were done with reckless disregard or willfully and deliberately and with an intent to dilute the distinctiveness of the GUCCI Marks in violation of Section 43(c) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c).
- 65. Defendants' aforesaid conduct has caused, and unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause, Gucci to sustain irreparable damage, loss, and injury.
  - 66. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

# FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION Statutory Unfair Competition in Violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1 et seq.

- 67. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 68. Defendants' acts set out above constitute unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practices in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1 et seq.
- 69. By reason of Defendants' infringing activities, Defendants have damaged and caused irreparable harm to Gucci and, unless restrained, will continue to damage and cause irreparable injury to Gucci's goodwill and reputation.
- 70. Defendants' acts have injured and will continue to injure Gucci by, among other things, siphoning customers, diluting Gucci's distinctive marks, confusing customers, and injuring Gucci's reputation.
  - 71. On information and belief, Defendants have profited from its unlawful acts.
  - 72. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

# SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION State Trademark Dilution in Violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.20

73. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.

- 74. Defendants' acts set out above are likely to dilute the distinctive quality of the GUCCI Marks in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.20.
- 75. Defendants' aforesaid conduct has caused, and unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause, Gucci to sustain irreparable damage, loss, and injury.
  - 76. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

# SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION New Jersey Common Law Unfair Competition

- 77. Gucci repeats and incorporates herein by reference each of the foregoing allegations.
- 78. Defendants have injured Gucci by depriving it of sales of its genuine goods, by injuring their business reputation, and by passing off Defendants' goods as Gucci's genuine products. Defendants' conduct is likely to confuse a prospective buyer or customer exercising ordinary caution in his dealings as to the origin, source, or sponsorship of Defendants' products, or to cause mistake or to deceive the public into believing that Defendants' goods originate with or are otherwise authorized by Gucci.
- 79. On information and belief, Defendants' unauthorized use of the GUCCI Marks is with full knowledge of Gucci prior use of that trade dress in the United States, with full knowledge of the substantial reputation and goodwill associated with Gucci and the GUCCI Marks, and with full knowledge that Defendants have no license or authority to use such trademarks. By appropriating the enormous goodwill of the GUCCI Marks, Defendants unjustly enrich themselves and damage Gucci.
- 80. Defendants' conduct constitutes unfair competition with Gucci under the common law of New Jersey.

- 81. Defendants' aforesaid conduct has caused, and unless enjoined by this Court, will continue to cause, Gucci to sustain irreparable damage, loss, and injury.
  - 82. Gucci has no adequate remedy at law.

### REQUEST FOR RELIEF

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff requests judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) Entering judgment that Defendants have:
  - i. Used the GUCCI Marks in a manner that constitutes counterfeiting in violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1);
  - ii. Infringed the GUCCI Marks in violation of Section 32(1) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1114(1);
  - Unfairly competed with Gucci in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham iii. Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a);
  - Used the GUCCI Marks in a manner that constitutes false designation of iv. origin in violation of Section 43(a) of the Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1125(a);
  - v. Diluted the GUCCI Marks in violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1125(c);
  - vi. Unfairly competed with Gucci in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:4-1 et seq.;
  - vii. Diluted the GUCCI Marks in violation of N.J.S.A. § 56:3-13.20; and
  - viii. Infringed the GUCCI Marks in violation of the common law of the state of New Jersey.
- (b) Entering a permanent injunction enjoining and restraining Defendants and their agents, servants, employees, successors, and assigns, and all other persons acting in concert with or conspiracy with any of them or who are affiliated with Defendants from:

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- i. Imitating, copying, or making unauthorized use of the GUCCI Marks, including, without limitation, by manufacturing, reproducing, distributing, displaying, advertising, promoting, offering for sale, selling, importing, or exporting any products bearing the GUCCI Marks or any other design that is confusingly similar to the GUCCI Marks;
- ii. Using any false designation of origin or false description or performing any act that can or is likely to lead members of the trade or public to believe that Defendants are associated with Gucci or that any product manufactured, distributed, advertised, displayed, promoted, offered for sale, sold, imported, or exported by Defendants is in any manner associated or connected with Gucci, is a genuine product of Gucci, or is authorized, licensed, sponsored, or otherwise approved by Gucci;
- iii. Engaging in any course of conduct likely to cause confusion, deception, or to injure Gucci's business reputation;
- iv. Using any false description or representation, including words or other symbols falsely to describe or represent Defendants' unauthorized goods or services as Gucci's, or sponsored or associated with Gucci, and from offering such goods or services into commerce;
- Manufacturing, producing, distributing, circulating, selling, marketing, v. offering for sale, advertising, promoting, renting, displaying, or otherwise disposing of any products or packaging not authorized by Gucci that bear any simulation, reproduction, counterfeit copy, or imitation of the GUCCI Marks;

- Effecting assignments or transfers forming new entities or associations or vi. utilizing any other device for the purpose of circumventing or otherwise avoiding the prohibitions set forth in this Order, or any subsequent order or final judgment in this action;
- Processing any payments for or otherwise providing any online services vii. related to the sale of counterfeit products featuring the GUCCI Marks, or any confusingly similar marks;
- viii. Engaging in any other activity constituting unfair competition with Gucci, or constituting an infringement of the GUCCI Marks; and
- ix. Assisting or authorizing any third party to engage in any of the actions prohibited by subparagraphs (i)-(viii) above, inclusive.
- (c) Directing that Defendants turn over to Gucci for impoundment and eventual destruction, without compensation to Defendants, all materials in their possession or control that contain or refer to the GUCCI Marks, along with all articles by means of which such unauthorized copies may be reproduced.
- (d) Directing that Defendants, at their own expense, recall from any distributors, retailers, vendors, or others to whom they have distributed materials that violate the provisions of paragraph a(i)-(viii) above, and that Defendants deliver up to Gucci for destruction all materials returned to them.
- (e) Directing that Defendants, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1116(a), file with the Court and serve upon Gucci, within thirty (30) days of the entry of injunction prayed for herein, a written report under oath or affirmed under penalty of perjury setting forth in detail the form and manner in which they have complied with the permanent injunction.

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- (f) Granting Gucci all damages sustained as a result of Defendants' unlawful activities described above, together with appropriate interest thereon and that such sums be trebled pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.
- (g) Granting Gucci all the gains, profits, savings, and advantages realized by Defendants from their unlawful actions described above pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1117.
  - (h) Granting Gucci punitive damages.
- (i) Awarding Gucci its costs, reasonable attorneys' fees, and investigators' fees incurred in this action, as permitted by law.
  - (j) Awarding Gucci pre-judgment interest on its judgment.
- Awarding Gucci such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and (k) proper.

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### **CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL CIVLI RULES 11.2 & 40.1**

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, this matter is not the subject of any other action pending in any court or of any pending arbitration or administrative proceeding.

Dated: April 29, 2025 ROBINSON MILLER LLC

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